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The Honorable Judge Knight

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH

In Re the Settlement/Guardianship of:

KCM, a minor child

NO. 09 2 09895 4

(PROPOSED)
FINDINGS OF FACT AND
ORDER SEALING (REDACTING)
PLEADINGS

THIS MATTER HAVING COME ON regularly upon the motion on behalf of KCM through attorneys Arnold Anderson Vickery, and Mary Ruth Mann, for an order sealing the pleadings herein which contain private, medical and financial information and which contain the terms of the Confidential Settlement of the Minor's claims, including specifically, the Petition for Approval of Minor Settlement, the Declaration of Mary Ruth Mann In Support of Approval of Minor Settlement and all exhibits thereto, the Order for Approval of Minor Settlement, the Settlement Guardian ad Litem's Report, and the Declaration of Mary Ruth Mann in support of Motion to Seal. The Court having reviewed the files and records herein,

1 having heard the arguments of all counsel, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,
2 and having heard this motion in open court, makes the following :

3 FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4 1. Portions of the Pleadings sought to be sealed or redacted contain material essential to a
5 minor settlement. The settlement is essential to the health and welfare of the minor and his
6 family.

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8 3. The portions of the pleadings sought to be sealed or redacted contain financial
9 information as to the settlement and specifics of finances and investments for the minor and
10 his family that if disclosed could invade privacy and potentially jeopardize safety of the minor
11 and his family.

12 4. The portions of the pleadings sought to be sealed or redacted contain medical and
13 financial information that is highly private about the minor and his family and which would
14 likely subject the minor to unnecessary embarrassment, thus redaction of names and
15 substitution of initials of the family is the least restrictive alternative for protecting privacy
16 and safety. .

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18 5. Because the contents of these pleadings relate to confidential settlement of a civil law
19 suit, they contain information which would not otherwise be public, thus the privacy interests
20 of the Minor override any public interest in the identity of the Minor or his family, or the
21 amounts involved in these pleadings. Redaction of the monetary terms and payments is the
22 least restrictive alternative to protect the privacy interests of the Minor and family and to
23 allow the settlement to take place.
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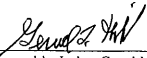
1 6. The requirements of GR 15 have been met for redacting the financial information and
2 concealing the identity of the minor and his family and this is the least restrictive manner for
3 doing this. The Exhibit containing the settlement agreement itself should be redacted from the
4 Court file as it contains nothing but the terms of the settlement and there is no less restrictive
5 alternative.

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7 ORDER

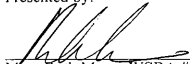
8 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that
9 the following Pleadings be and hereby are sealed, and replaced in the court file by redacted
10 versions concealing the names of the Minor and his parents and redacting the monetary
11 amounts of the settlement and all payments pursuant thereto:

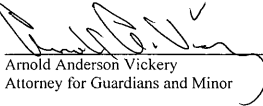
12 Documents to be Sealed and Replaced by Redacted Pleadings in the Clerk's File:
13 Petition for Approval of Minor Settlement, the Declaration of Mary Ruth Mann In
14 Support of Approval of Minor Settlement with all exhibits thereto, the Order for
15 Approval of Minor Settlement with Exhibit A thereto, and the Report of Settlement
16 Guardian Ad Litem with all Exhibits and Attachments. These pleadings will not be
17 available for public inspection without further order of this Court upon good cause
18 shown.

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20 DONE IN OPEN COURT this 9th day of November, 2009.

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24 The Honorable Judge Gerald Knight
25 Superior Court Judge

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